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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS ON ME

1. COINCIDENT WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND APPARENT ARAB DECISION TO INSCRIBE PALESTINE ITEM ON UNGA AGENDA, SOVIET PRESS RECENTLY HAS TAKEN STIFFENED LINE ON ISRAEL AND SHARPENED FOCUS ON AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR TEL AVIV.

2. PRAVDA WEEKLY REVIEW ON SEPTEMBER 8 SET TONE FOR CRITICISM OF ISREAL. REVIEWER BRAGIN CHARGED THAT TEL AVIV'S "HAWKS" HAVE RETURNED TO STRENGTHENED MILITARY

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PREPARATIONS FOR ORGANIZING AGGRESSIVE ATTACKS ON

ISRAEL'S ARAB NEIGHBORS AND SAID ISRAEL'S RECENT ATTACKS ON SOUTH LEBANON SHOWED "WITHOUT ANY DOUBT" THAT HER LEADERS HAVE ABANDONED A SENSE OF REALISM. MORE RECENTLY, PRAVDA COMMENTARY BY TYURKIN (SEPTEMBER 12) REVIVED ISSUE OF NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN GOLAN HEIGHTS AND ALLEGED EFFORTS TO RESETTLE JERUSALEM'S ARAB POPULATION. CONDEMNING THESE MOVES TYURKIN CHARGED THAT TEL AVIV'S ACTIONS IN TRYING TO ANNEX OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS VIOLATES INTERNATIONAL LAW AND UNSC RESOLUTIONS AND "THREATENS THE CHANCE FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE ME CONFLICT."

3. PRESS HAS ALSO USED RABIN TRIP TO STRESS U.S.-ISRAELI TIES. PRAVDA (TASS) STORY ANNOUNCING RABIN'S ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON (SEPTEMBER 11) MADE POINT THAT TALKS HAVE BEGUN AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF NEW INCREASED TENSION IN THE ME. RED STAR (SEPTEMBER 12) CLAIMED AIM OF RABIN'S MISSION IS TO OBTAIN 1.5 BILLION IN ARMS DELIVERIES PER YEAR AND SEEK GREATER U.S. SUPPORT FOR ISRAELI POSITIONS ON THE ME CONFLICT.

4. COMMENT: PRESS COMMENT, THOUGH MODERATE IN SCOPE, HAS ACQUIRED SHARPEST TONE WE HAVE SEEN SINCE PRE-SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT PERIOD AND SUGGESTS SOVIETS ARE GEARING UP EFFORT TO PUT U.S. AND ISRAEL ON DEFENSIVE DURING ANY ME DEBATE AT 29TH UNGA. DUBS

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